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Introduction to Seattle and Shoreline I-5 Construction Projects
About this e-mail

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Welcome to the project update e-mail for WSDOT's Seattle-area Interstate 5 construction projects. This is the first e-mail update about our I-5 construction projects in Seattle and Shoreline. We're investing more than \$21 million in these upcoming construction projects, two of which have already begun construction. In the months ahead, crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will:

- * Strengthen seven bridges on Interstate 5 in North Seattle and Shoreline to better withstand earthquakes. We will retrofit these bridges to meet current seismic standards. This work is expected to begin in spring 2005.
- * Build noise walls along I-5 in the Roanoke and Eastlake neighborhoods. The walls will help reduce freeway noise at ground level residences and public spaces. We should begin construction in spring 2005 and complete the project by the end of summer 2005.
- * Improve a one-mile section of southbound Interstate 5 in downtown Seattle. Crews will replace existing asphalt with a stronger and more durable concrete surface on the two outside lanes of mainline I-5 between James and Olive streets near the Seattle International Trade and Convention Center.
- * Add an auxiliary lane from NE 175th St. to NE 205th St. in Shoreline. This will help relieve congestion and improve safety by providing more room for motorists to speed up and merge when getting on and off the freeway. We will also widen existing freeway lanes and shoulders to enhance safety. Crews will restripe the existing northbound 11-foot lanes to 12 feet and the existing 8-foot shoulders to 10 feet.
- * Resurface ramps at Corson, Michigan and Swift-Albro in Seattle. Paving and panel replacements will provide motorists with a smooth drive while grinding on the steep bridges will improve their traction. By removing gutters and curbs, crews will provide safer shoulders without obstructions. This work is already underway and will be done in late spring of 2005.

For project details and construction photos, visit our project Web site at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5Seattle/>.

About this e-mail

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We plan to send these e-mail updates at least once per month. We may send them more often, but only if we have important or time-sensitive news to tell you. You can expect to receive these messages as frequently as once per week during the summer and fall construction season.

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